

APPROVED

**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH
DISABILITIES**

**September 8, 2006
Carmel Educational Service Center
Indianapolis, IN**

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christina Endres, Karol Farrell, David Geeslin, Cathleen Hardy Hansen, Kathy Mears, Steve Tilden, Stephanie Beasley, Dawn Downer, James Hammond, Becky Kirk, John Nally, David Schmidt, Julie Swaim, Jane Swiss, Bret Lewis, Gary Bates, Mary Ramos, Rose Black, Cheryl Shearer, Rich Burden

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Bessie Henson, Pete Bisbecos, Marcia Johnson, Cynthia Diamond, Martha Farris, Sarah Renner,

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEL) STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Ash, Nina Brahm, Becky Reynolds, Alexandra Curlin

GUESTS:

Sharon Knoth; Dawn McGrath, ISTAR, ICAN Project

VISITORS

Louie Lord Nelson, R.A.I.S.E., Inc.; Susan Lockwood, DOC; Rylin Rodgers, Parent, Lilia Tentity

INTERPRETERS:

Rebecca Madigan

MEETING

D. Schmidt opened the meeting at 9:39 a.m. D. Schmidt thanked K. Farrell for chairing the SAC meeting on August 4, 2006. He then welcomed Rich Burden from IN*SOURCE as the newest member to the council.

D. Schmidt discussed the need for additional breaks for the interpreter.

D. Schmidt congratulated B. Marra on receipt of his doctorate in July.

MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting on August 4, 2006, were approved as a correct document.

ROSE BLACK RESIGNATION

R. Black addressed the SAC to accept her resignation. She thanked the SAC for their time and indicated that if there is a need for someone to fill her role, her sister is a special education teacher who would be willing to serve on the Council. She wants to make sure that whomever her replacement is that they will be as passionate about children with disabilities as she is and that, if possible, the individual be a minority. Children who are in the minority need representation and those who are at-risk should be represented by an individual who is not typical of who currently make up the SAC. She said that she appreciated the opportunity to have participated. D. Schmidt thanked her for her attending and speaking. B. Marra thanked her for her commitment to the council.

R. Black participated in the remainder of the meeting.

HOUSEKEEPING

B. Reynolds requested that council members update their contact information on the members list.

DISCUSSION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

B. Marra distributed copies of the new Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, (IDEIA), and discussed the layout of the IDEIA.

B. Marra stressed the importance of being respectful of time and careful not to hurry through decisions. He stated that he would like to have these new rules implemented by the 2007-2008 school year, but may lag into the 2008-2009 school year. B. Marra discussed the benchmarks: to produce student achievement, protect the rights of students, and be a cost effective and efficient

impact to state and school. SAC should to their best to have the best fiscal impact.

B. Marra stated the importance of public input and that the SAC could also request public hearings to gather input from the public. He also reminded SAC that the email is being accessed and distributed to SAC when they are received.

B. Marra explained that once language is agreed upon by the SAC it goes forth to the State Board of Education, then once approved it begins the prescribed process through the Attorney General's Office and the Indiana Register.

D. Schmidt advised that as a group we work well together and that you can not always come out in a win/win situation. B. Kirk added that this is a time to speak out opinions and disagreements may happen. B. Lewis indicated that he would like to assure that any decisions the SAC makes have the resources and support network necessary to be implemented.

B. Marra stated that the role of the SAC is to submit to the State Board a product that SAC, as a team, can be proud of for the children in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Audience comments, if any)

No comments were made.

ARTICLE 7 UPDATE

SAC discussed the following issues:

- Transition to Adult Life
- Private Schools
- Response to Intervention (RTI)
- Complaint Procedures
- Personnel Qualifications
- Interim Alternative Education Settings
- Sixty Day Evaluation
- Preschool
- NIMAS Regulations

ARTICLE 7 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rilyn Rodgers, parent, asked the SAC to publish an agenda on the website that discusses exactly what portions of Article 7 will be covered at the upcoming meetings. The only thing currently on the SAC website is the August agenda. D. Schmidt indicated that in the future the agendas will be published on the DEL website.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council set dates for monthly meetings January through June, 2007. The dates are as follows: January 12, 2007; February 2, 2007; March 2, 2007; April 13, 2007, May 4, 2007; June 1, 2007. Dates were approved by SAC.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:05 P.M.